

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



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ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE:

Friday,
October 28, 2011

The First Indoor Meeting
Of the Fall Season!

Next Meeting

October 10, 2011

**Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way,
Kettering, Ohio**

Doors open at 5:30 P.M. ,
Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
(RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.)

Directions on Website

RSVP to Mike Wolford at 937-667-9392 or
E-Mail him at: toflyfsh@woh.rr.com
by **Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011.**
(Note - Dinner Price is now **\$13.00**)

This month:

Mike Schmidt

Mike Schmidt is known by all of his friends as a fish junky...every spare moment not on the water is occupied by some aspect of fly tying.

From the time he could walk he was constantly being taken out on Lake St Clair, Lake Huron, up Michigan's west coast rivers, and in to the Upper Peninsula in search of the next fish. Regardless of where he is Mike is always thinking about new techniques, fishing locations and fly patterns/applications to enhance the next trip for both he and his clients.

Mike does not focus on one particular style of fly; he is a jack of all trades, tying patterns and refining them to fit whatever the situation may require. He ties a large catalogue of standard patterns as well as employing his knowledge of the sport and creativity to come up with new and innovative custom patterns to fool even the most wary of fish. Mike ties commercially for his company Anglers Choice Flies as well as being a Signature Tyer for Orvis and Jag Fly Co.

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President's Thoughts



This month I am submitting my Tightlines article early as I will be leaving for the yearly fly fishing trip to Michigan for salmon as will many of our club members. While our thoughts turn to colder temperatures I want to remind everybody that we start our indoor meetings this month. The cost of meals will be \$13.00 as the fees for the banquet center have gone up since last year. Please remember that you will need to contact Mike Wolford for dinner reservations. His phone number and email address are listed on the front of the Tightlines.

Your Board of Directors will be busy the next couple of months dealing with the budget for next year, change of leadership, and taking care of the end of the year business. I want to thank Joe Nagel and John Young for being our nominating committee this year. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the next two years, please contact Joe or John. The positions available are those of Vice President and Treasurer as Juan and I will leave the Board in December.

Our club also has several requests for the rest of this year. September 30-Oct. 1 is Gear Fest; October. 3---Dave Oertel ---fishing with the PHW group; Oct. 15---Troy, Ohio Boy Scout Jamboree---fly fishing merit badge (food and coffee provided to those helping **(I need a total head count by the Tenth (10th) of October)**); also on the 15th--- ODNR at Caesars Creek---fly tying and casting demonstrations requested (**contact Joe Nagel if you can attend**) and on October 22---Greene County ODNR ---fishing expo---fly tying and casting---contact me if you can make it.

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Our speaker for this month will be Mike Schmidt. There will be more information on Mike in this issue of Tightlines but there will be no fly tying session as I understand. The club recently purchased a new video camera and tripod to help complete our audio visual items along with the laptop and projector purchased a couple of years ago.

On a final note, please remember to pay your dues soon and make sure the club has your current phone number, email address and mailing address. There will be a box located on the table as you enter the dining room (where Mike takes your meal money) for you to place any donations to our "hardship fund" to help pay the dues for those in the club that need financial assistance to either remain a member, or rejoin our club.

May your fishing be good, and keep a tight line.

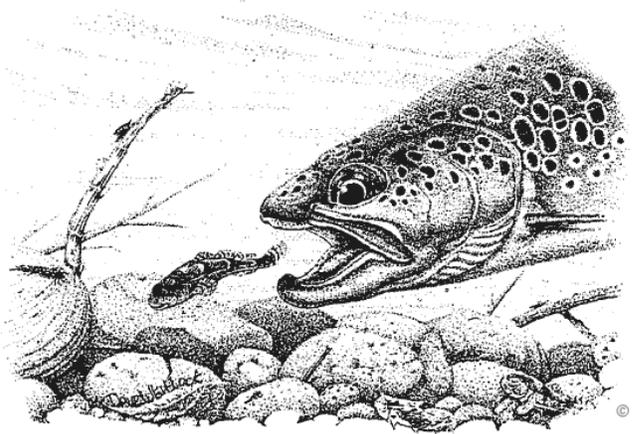
Tom Courtney

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Throughout the year Mike teaches fly tying and fishing techniques at a number of clubs and retail locations around the Midwest, with his home classes being held at Mad River Outfitters in Columbus, OH.

Mike spends the winter months traveling to present and tie at fly fishing shows around the country. Doing so allows him the opportunity to meet many people involved in this wonderful sport and to teach fly tying to a very diverse audience.

John Young



Casting Competition Results

Here is the last of the Casting Competition reports for this year from your team of Ken Hudak, Dan Matousch, and Jeff Warden.

Thanks for all your participation, and another great turn-out this year! First Flight especially gave the score keepers a workout. (That's a good thing; lots of new casters this year.) Overall Division winners will be announced and presented their floating trophy at the December Awards Banquet.

Here are the results for September, Distance (Winner and runner-up for each division – average of 3 casts):

First Flight

Longest Cast: Willie Morris & Joe Nagel, 66 feet

Winner: Joe Nagel (60')

Runner-up: Mike Browne (53')

Seniors

Longest Cast: Joe Gilmore, 75 feet

Winner: Ron Lewis (68')

Runner-up: Jeff Warden (65')

Masters

Longest Cast: Mike Wolford, 81 feet

Winner: Mike Wolford (78')

Runner-up: Ken Hudak (70')

We hope everyone had a good time and picked up a pointer or two. See everybody at next year's location - TBD.

Special Note to Last Year's Over-All Winners:

Please bring your floating trophy in to the October meeting. If you cannot make the October meeting, please contact one of the casting crew for other arrangements.

This Month's Fly – October 2011 Edition

JUMBO JOHN

Instructions Bill "Woody" Woodward /
Photograph by Bob Cain



Recipe

Hook.....Scud/Nymph, size 6-10
Thread.....Black 6/0
Head.....Red, Orange, Chartreuse bead to match hook size
Weight.....Lead wire, .020
Tail.....Brown goose biots
Abdomen...Copper and copper brown wire (or other color of your choice)
Wing case...Brown thin skin and pearl saltwater Flashabou
Thorax.....Bronze Arizona synthetic peacock dubbing
Legs.....Hot orange round rubber, med.
Collar.....Mottled brown hen saddle hackle
Coating.....Epoxy, UV Knot Sense, or Bug Bond

1. Crush the barb and place the bead on the hook by inserting the hook point into the smaller hole on the front of the bead. Slide the bead up to the hook eye and place the hook in the vise.
2. Now take a 4" length of lead wire and wrap 10-15 turns onto the hook shank starting at the back of the hook and wrapping forward. Trim off the excess wire. Now shove the lead wraps forward into the back of the bead, countersinking the wraps into the large hole on the back of the bead.
3. Start the thread at the back edge of the wire wraps (make sure the thread is flattened) and build a smooth taper from the hook shank up to the back of the lead wire, then cover the lead wire and continue to wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook forming a smooth thread base. Leave the thread at the hook bend.
4. Select two matched biots from the quill (Pull two that are right next to each other to assure they are the same length and width). Place the biots back to back so that they curve away from each other and even their tips. Measure the biots against the hook shank so they are equal to one-half the hook shank length. Place the biots at the hook bend with one on each side of the hook shank. Turn them slightly off-center toward the near side of the hook and tie them in with 2-3 wraps of thread. (Pull straight down on the thread and thread torque will pull the biots into the correct position on top of the hook shank.) Wrap forward (with flattened thread) over the butt ends of the biots up to and onto the lead wraps building a smooth tapered underbody. Clip the excess biot butts.
5. Cut a length of copper wire 8" long and a second matching length of another colored wire. Tie them in along the near side of the hook shank about three hook eye lengths behind the bead head. Wrap thread back over them in tight touching turns to the tail tie-in point, then wrap the thread forward again to where you tied-in the wires. DO NOT CUT THE WIRE. The wires should be side-by-side. Leave the thread at the front of the underbody.
6. Begin wrapping both wires forward together in tight concentric turns butting against each other. Continue wrapping the wire forward to the front of the thread underbody. Tie the wire off with 2-3 tight turns of thread and clip off the excess wire. Cover any wire stub with thread.
7. Now continue wrapping the thread forward over the lead wire to the back of the bead head. Use only enough thread to cover the spaces between the lead wire wraps. Wrap the thread back to front of the wire abdomen.
8. Tie-in a single strand of flashabou directly on top of the hook and centered, with the length of the flashabou extending back over the abdomen. Wrap thread back over the flashabou and the front couple of turns of the copper abdomen. Let the thread hang.
9. Cut a strip of thin skin slightly about the width of the hook gap. Remove the paper backing from the strip and tie it in shiny side down (that's the side the paper was on) centered on top of the hook shank at the same point where the flashabou was tied-in. Trim off any excess thin skin and flashabou butts. The length of the thin skin should lay back over the abdomen. Move the thread back to the thin skin tie-in point.

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2011 Cane Rod Rebuilding Class Reminder

**** There are still openings available for the 2011 bamboo rod rebuilding class. Contact Jim for more information ****

We held several of these a few years back and now have requests for more. Take a heavy old 9 - 9.5' cane (split bamboo) rod and cut it down to make a lighter, more fishable version. Minimally, you'll need to make a new grip, add a reel seat, and maybe reposition a guide or two. Or you can totally strip the rod of guides & varnish and redo it completely. If so, you'll need to do the stripping before class begins. I can advise you on how to proceed with this.

You might have an old rod in mind, or obtain one at a garage sale. Be aware that not all old cane rods are fishable. They may have separated glue joints or the tips may have "gone soft" (deformable). Correctable problems include broken/missing ferrules, missing guides, wraps, warped tips, or bad varnish. I'll be glad to tell you if a particular rod is a suitable candidate for the class. Just bring it to me.

Classes will be on Saturday mornings (10 am-12 pm) at my shop, beginning November 5. Two more sessions (Nov. 12, 19) should be sufficient. I'll have room for 5 students, preferably graduates of the regular rod class as some rewinding ability will be needed. A course fee of \$25 plus parts will be charged. The older-but-talented Ray Lee will be assisting.

At this writing several of you have expressed interest, so be sure to let me know. Students should already be familiar with guide wrapping. However, a quick refresher on technique can be provided if needed

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MVFF / PHWFF Outing - Mertensia Springs



Pictures from the MVFF / PHWFF outing at Mertensia Springs, which took place on Saturday, September 24.

(Photos courtesy of Brian Funderer.)

MVFF CALENDAR For October, 2011

Sep. 30, Oct 1 - GearFest

2 - TU Madmen Mad River Survey

3 - Next MVFF / PHWFF Outing (Contact Dave Oertel for details)

10 - MVFF Indoor Meeting (Note: Reservations **Are** Required - See Page 1 for Details)

11, 27 - Casual Fly Tying - 6:00 - 8:30 pm, Gander Mountain, 8001 Old Troy Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424

15 - Troy Boy Scout Jamboree
Caesar's Creek - ODNR Event

23 - Greene County Fishing Expo

28 - Deadline for Articles for Next Month's Issue of **Tightlines**

MVFF Message Board

The MVFF Message Board now has over **400** registered members!

Also, you can now read messages without registering or logging in. Just go to the club's web site at <http://www.mvff.us> and you will find a link to the board on the upper left-hand side of the home page.



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mvffemail@gmail.com

Then send us an email subject "Email Address Check" to be sure we have your correct email address. Don't forget to include your name.

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http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.pdf OR http://mvff.tripod.com/Resources/AP_Form.xls

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10. Now dub the thread and wrap a bulky round thorax between the thin skin and the bead head (*Be sure to leave a bit of bare space behind the bead head for the collar.*) Remember to wrap the dubbing back onto the front of the thin skin to avoid having any gap when we pull it forward. Be sure to finish wrapping the dubbing so that the thread is in the middle of the thorax, ready for the legs

11. Cut two pieces of legging material about 3" long and tie-in one piece by its middle on each side of the hook shank centered in the middle of the thorax. Be sure to keep your thread wraps together on top of each other. Dub the thread again and wrap it over the leg thread wraps to hide those thread wraps. Make the dubbed thread wraps tight and with the last wrap of dubbing, move the thread to behind the bead head.

12. Pull the thin skin forward over the top of the thorax and tie it off slightly behind the bead head. (Make sure to keep it centered on top of the thorax.) Repeat this procedure with the flashabou. (Make sure to keep the flashabou centered on top of the thin skin.) Clip the butt ends of the thin skin and flashabou as close to the bead as possible.

13. *Before we continue, it would be advisable to pull the rubber legs back along the sides of the body and wrap a piece of led wire around the body and legs to keep them out of the way as we finish the fly.*

14. Mix a small batch of epoxy or UV Knot Sense and coat the thin skin wing case from front to back and side to side. (It helps to run the epoxy up onto the front edge of the wire at the back of the wing case.) *Be sure to leave a small open space between the wing case/thorax and the bead head.* Set the fly aside to let the coating cure.

15. Once the coating is dry, select a hen saddle with barbs about the length of the hook shank to use as a collar. Clean off any fuzz at the base of the feather and tie it in by its base between the wing case and the bead head (*Did you remember to leave a little space behind the bead head??*). Lift the feather up and fold all the barbs back toward the hook bend, then make 2-3 turns of the feather between the wing case and the back of the bead head and tie it off. Remove any excess feather. Stroke the collar barbs back toward the hook bend and take a few turns of thread over their base to hold them in position. If desired, you can place a drop of head cement on the thread but be sure not to get any on the hackle.

16. Clip both the front and back legs so that they are about a hook shank in length.



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